Universities running technical programmes without AICTE approval

1354. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent document of the Ministry has highlighted that even Universities are exploiting innocent students by running unapproved technical colleges whose several technical programmes do not have approval of the All India Council of Technical Educations;

(b) if so, the steps taken to check such unethical activities of mushrooming private institutions, in the interent of the student community; and

(c) the details of the monitoring mechansim developed for co-ordination with State Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) and (b) It has come to the notice of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) that certain courses like Master of Information Technology (MIT), Bachelor of Information Technology (BIT), Bachelor of Software Engineering (BSE), etc. are being run by some Universities without the prior approval of AICTE. AICTE has taken up the matter with the Universities as well as with the University Grants Commission (UGC) for necessary corrective steps.

(c) As soon as the existence of any unapproved technical institution comes to the knowledge of AICTE, they some notice to such institute and worn them to get farmal approval as per the AICTE Act, 1987 or Government far appropriate action.

Discrimination against women and girl child

1355. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Women and Child Development Department has recently submitted certain documents to the Planning Commission, stating that inequalities and discrimination continue against women and girl child and several laws need urgent updating;

(b) if so, the specific provisions of the relevant laws so identified; and

(c) the steps initiated to remove the apparent inequalities and the time-frame fixed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The Department of Women and Child Development had recently sent its comments on the draft